

I am writing to provide comments to the FCC on the E-Rate NPRM, proceeding 13-184. E-Rate has been very important to (district/school) because it has helped our students and teachers gain access to a wealth of online resources, communicate and collaborate, and develop the 21st century skills necessary for college and career. However, E-Rate funding levels have not kept pace with my district's current and future bandwidth needs. I urge you to raise the E-Rate funding level to at least \$5 billion per year, which is close to the average demand level for each of the past two years.

As a Director of Technology for the Alhambra School District in Arizona, I know that seamlessly infusing digital learning throughout the curriculum is a prerequisite for students to graduate from high school with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in today's global economy. Access to high-speed broadband is the key to allowing modern teaching and learning to occur in all schools across the country.

In my district my teachers use digital learning to (personalize learning, provide online classes, meet Common Core State Standards, administer online assessments, make data-driven decisions, etc.). An example of digital learning in my district is: our students using Gaggles for email and collaborative documents. Students are working in their classrooms, between classrooms, or between schools to complete projects. However, the district network will fail to keep up with the demands once we begin online assessments district-wide. We are in need of a reliable high-speed network in the near future.

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